Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally,

Over the past several years, we have witnessed first hand the predatory methods Microsoft uses to squash its competitors. Therefore, I am filing my personal objection to the proposed final judgment on the Microsoft case. Supposedly, the Court has found Microsoft guilty of violating all rules of proper business ethics and practices. However with the PFJ (Proposed Final Judgment), the Department of Justice throws out, if not abandons all previous court findings that indicts Microsoft. In fact, the PFJ permits Microsoft to continue with its monopolistic and predatory practices, which in my opinion is a detriment not only to the software sector but also to the technology industry as a whole. Without a doubt, I strongly believe you will receive thousands of similar appeals encompassing the many flaws that are apparent in the proposed final settlement. My main focus entails one fundamental flaw clearly noticeable in the proposed settlement: The PFJ does not effectively break up Microsoft, but in fact allows Microsoft to leverage its current market position, or should I say, Monopoly to expand its business into several other technology markets. Under the general rule, most monopolies in the past, such as AT&T and Standard Oil, are either broken up or carefully regulated. However, Microsoft is given a pardon or a waiver to this general rule of thumb altogether. Also, simple slaps on the wrist or severe reprimands by the Department of Justice will not radically alter Microsoft?s existing operation methodologies. As history has proven over and over again, Microsoft will undoubtedly abuse its monopoly position at the expense of others. Unless something extraordinary is done such as breaking up Microsoft?s business into several parts or meting out severe punishment, Microsoft will persistently continue to implement illegal business practices. I submit to the Court that the Proposed Final Judgment does not solve anything but exacerbates the existing problem with Microsoft.

Respectfully,

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